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Washington, D.C. 20231

**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-described application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before Background of the Invention, please insert ---

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of the co-pending, commonly assigned, United States  
Patent Application Serial No.: 09/253,380, filed on February 19, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-14 and 18-20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

21. (New) A diagnostic kit for diagnosing diseases in which activated eosinophils are present at the disease site, said kit comprising an antibody that specifically reacts with 3-bromotyrosine, or 3'5 di-bromotyrosine, or 3-bromotyrosine and a 3,5-dibromotyrosine, wherein the bromotyrosine is either free or contained within a peptide or protein.

22. (New) The diagnostic kit of claim 21 wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are in this application. By the present amendment, claims 1-14 and 18-20 are canceled and new claims 21 and 22 are added. Support for new claims 21 and 22 is found on page 7, lines 5-21, and page 9 lines 1-2 of the specification. Accordingly, new claims 21 and 22 add no new matter.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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